

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-216-E - ORDER NO. 94-1308 ✓
DECEMBER 30, 1994

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company) ORDER APPROVING
 for an Increase in Electric Rates) REQUEST FOR
 and Charges.) MODIFICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Duke Power Company's (Duke's) letter of December 20, 1994, in which it requested that the Commission modify its requirement that Duke reassess its decommissioning provision every four (4) years. Commission Order No. 91-1022 dated November 18, 1991 required Duke to reassess its decommissioning provisions every four (4) years in order to consider changes in the estimate of decommissioning costs, including the effect of any life extension allowed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and how well the fund has performed. In its December 20, 1994 letter, Duke informed the Commission that NRC Regulatory Guide 1.159 Section 1.5.3 states that "Adjustment to site-specific cost estimates for the effects described in Regulatory Position 1.5.2 should be made according to the amount of change experienced, as appropriate, but at least once every 5 years." Duke requested the Commission to modify its requirements to conform with NRC requirements in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

Duke also requested that the Commission clarify what type of

notification is required by the Commission regarding future decommissioning studies.

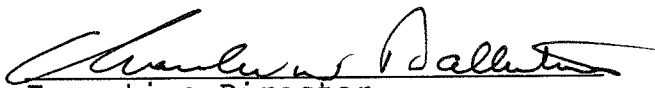
After review of Duke's December 20, 1994, letter and Order No. 91-1022, the Commission finds that Duke Power's request to reassess its decommissioning provision every five (5) years, in accordance with NRC requirements, is reasonable and should be approved. Further, the Commission concludes that Duke should notify the Commission, by letter, within ninety (90) days after such reassessment has been made and inform the Commission of any significant changes in its decommissioning requirements. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)